

# REPENTANCE DOES NOT BLOT OUT SIN, SAYS DOROTHY DIX

## Declares Men Spread Propaganda of Woman's Forgiveness.

By DOROTHY DIX.

The most curious thing in the world is the faith sinners have in forgiveness. They believe that all they have to do is to say that they are sorry for the offense they have committed against us, and forthwith a wet sponge is drawn across the slate, and the score wiped out against them.

There could be nothing less true than this. There is no forgiveness in this sense in which they imagine it. When we say that we forgive people who have wronged us we merely mean that we cherish no animosity for the evil they have done us, and will take no vengeance upon them.

But as for "forgiving and forgetting," as the old phrase goes, those stuffy themselves who ask for such a thing, and those who pretend to do it. What has been done, has been done. What has been forgiven, has been forgiven. The faith that has failed us, the greed that has robbed us, the cruelty that has stabbed us, are facts that will live in our memory as long as consciousness is with us.

They are not to be blotted out by a few words of repentance or an easily shed tear or two. They cannot even be atoned for, because they slew something beautiful within our hearts that never comes to life again. When you can take the shattered leaves of a rose and make a bud of them again then will love be able to flower in all its pristine freshness above the grave in which former sins have buried the offense against it, not before.

It would take a superman or woman to work that miracle. The human of us who are merely groundlings, are incapable of it. We say we forgive those who trespass against us, and we mean that we cherish no enmity against them, that we even pity them as poor weaklings, and crooks who cannot have it in them to go straight, or to keep the faith. We may even go along bearing the same outward relationship to those who have wronged us, and sometimes we can best save a bad situation that way, or for business, or family reasons.

And if we are big enough, after having pardoned the offense, to cover it up with silence, the sinners go blithely along their way, convinced that our forgiveness has settled their score, and that they have regained their old-time place in our affection.

Men have been particularly active in spreading this propaganda about forgiveness so far as women are concerned. They have been engaged in exploiting the beauty of woman's forgiveness, and cultivating a belief in its inexhaustible quantity. Innumerable times the lovely heroine waited to welcome back to her arms the husband who had beaten her, and deserted her, and who had been off with another woman, but who, returned to her to have her support him and nurse him in his old age.

In practically all made literature woman is represented as really enjoying working her forgiveness over time, and actually preferring a husband, who is forever on the repentance seat to a decent man who has been her betrayer.

Men have often wondered if men really have this childlike faith in woman's power to forgive, and if they thought, because they are concerned about the divorce court, that their offense is blotted out, and they have their old place in the women's hearts. A woman may technically forgive her husband for his faithlessness to her. She may pocket the insult he has offered her and swallow her pride for the sake of her children, or because she doesn't want to break up her home, or for any other reason, but she may not along with her forgiveness content so well that she even deceives the man himself, but she herself knows what a mockery her forgiveness is. She knows that the forgiven sin is still there, and she knows that the glory and the circling wings have gone from her love, and that nevertheless she looks up to, or respects, or trusts the man who has once betrayed her.

One of the reasons that high-tempered people make so little effort to control themselves is because they also believe in that fatal theory that by indulging in their rage, and then make it all right, and bring matters back to their former status, by saying they are sorry for it, and that they are forgiven.

It is a nice, comfortable theory, because apologies are cheap, and it must be an exhilarating experience to tell people just what you think of them when they offend you, and then when you are told that the theory is that those who depend upon being forgiven lean upon a broken reed. Nobody ever really forgives the hurt to his vanity, or the fatal home truth that a friend, or near relative hurls at him in the heat of anger.

It is those who live closest to us who know our weak spots best, and where they can strike with deadly aim. No stranger can hurt us as they can, and when they drag to the light some defect that we thought hidden, when they remind us of some fault that we have, and when they shout aloud the thing when we would rather die than hear that we are a wound that never heals.

This is why family spats are so much to be deplored. People think of them as trifles and regard as unimportant the little flareup of temper in which a husband will say hard and cutting things to his wife, and the wife will retaliate with cruel, bitter accusations against him, and the children will live with each other in brutal temper. Nothing happens at the time. A blanket is thrown over the whole incident, but as the man goes about his business, and the woman her work, and the children their affairs, they are remembering the bitter words that have been said to them, and resentment and hatred slowly springs up in their souls to take the place of love.

Surely if we realize how little we are forgiven we would be more careful in sinning against our fellow creatures. For no matter how sorry we are for what we have done, the best we can get is a new line of credit. The old debt still stands against us.

# WASHINGTON SOCIETY

## Miss Hughes With Parents

Joins Them at Greystone After Her Return From Europe.

By EVELYN C. HUNT.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Hughes were joined yesterday at their home, Greystone, by their elder daughter, Miss Katherine Hughes, who arrived in New York from Europe last week aboard the Red Star liner Finland.

The Attorney General, Harry M. Daugherty, who went to Baltimore Saturday to take Mrs. Daugherty, who has been at Johns Hopkins Hospital, to her home in Columbus, Ohio, will return to Washington the latter part of this week. Mr. Daugherty was accompanied by Jess Smith.

Frederick Morris Dearing, Assistant Secretary of State, has gone to Red Hook, N. Y., to join his family there for a time.

AMBASSADOR DE RIANO GOING TO ADIRONDACKS.

The Ambassador of Spain and Senora de Riano will return the middle of next week from the Adirondacks, where they are to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fitz Simons at their camp for about ten days. The Ambassador will leave the Capital for the Adirondacks today to join Senora de Riano, who has spent the latter part of the summer at York Harbor, Me.

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The Minister of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes and Mme. Grouitch, who have been abroad for several months, will arrive in New York Thursday aboard the Scythia. They will come to Washington immediately upon their arrival to reopen their residence on Wyoming avenue.

MINISTER OF POLAND RETURNS TOMORROW.

The Minister of Poland and Princess Lubomirska, accompanied by their children, will return to Washington from Newport tomorrow.

Mme. Peter, wife of the Minister of Switzerland, will sail from New York for Europe tomorrow aboard the S. S. Lafayette. She plans to remain abroad until December, returning to Washington to spend Christmas. The Minister accompanied Mme. Peter to New York Saturday and will return to the Capital early this week.

Dr. Julio Bianchi, Minister of Guatemala, will return to Washington today from New York, where he has been spending several days.

The Minister of China, Dr. Alfred So-Ke Sze, spent Saturday in Baltimore, returning to the Capital that evening.

DIPLMATS TAKE TRIP ABOARD SOUTHERN CROSS.

Several members of the South American diplomatic corps were the guests of Frank C. Munson, president of the Munson Steamship Line, aboard the Southern Cross yesterday and Saturday on a trip from Washington to Hoboken. Among the guests were the Argentine Ambassador, Tomas A. de Breton; the Brazilian Ambassador, Augusto Cochrane de Azevedo, and the consul and vice consuls from New York and Philadelphia representing several of the South American republics. Several officials of the Shipping Board and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries also were included in the party.

Castro Ruiz, who is to succeed Luis Illian as counselor of the Chilean Embassy, has taken a suite at the Shoreham. He is now in New York to meet Senora Ruiz who has just arrived from Chile.

Senor Illian, present counselor of the embassy, has been appointed charge d'affaires of the Chilean embassy in Japan and will leave Washington, accompanied by Senora de Illian, about November 1.

Commandant Luis Aubry, naval attaché of the Peruvian Embassy, with Senora de Aubry and their child, will sail for Peru October 8 to remain until December, when he will return to resume his duties here.

Johannes Plum, attaché of the Danish Legation, who has resigned his position, will go to New York tomorrow preparatory to sailing for Denmark.

SIAMSE CHARGE RETURNING FROM BOSTON.

Phra Sanpakitch, charge d'affaires of the Siamese Legation, will return today from Boston, where he has been for a brief visit.

Judge E. Ives, charge d'affaires of the Legation of Finland, is returning today from a short trip to New York.

J. de Lagerberg, secretary of the Swedish Legation, spent the week-end at Norfolk.

Count Nils Bonde, military attaché of the Swedish Legation, is spending a few days in New York.

Mrs. Joseph W. Folk is at the Marlborough-Blenheim, Atlantic City, for a few days.

Mrs. Phelps Stokes and her daughter, Miss Helen Stokes, of New York, are at the Hotel Lafayette for a few days.

MR. AND MRS. WHITE ENTERTAIN HOUSE PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry White entertained a summer party at Elm Court, their summer home at Lenox,



MISS CLARIBEL GOODWIN.

Of Lake Forest, Illinois, who has been visiting Maj. George Oakley Totten, jr., of 2633 Sixteenth street northwest.

Mass. over the week-end. Among their guests were Representative and Mrs. John Jacob Rogers, Mrs. Richard Gambrell, Mrs. W. Seward Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Woods and J. Coleman Drayton, of New York.

Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, jr., with her son, Jerry and her daughter, Evelyn, will return to Washington about October 1 from their home at Mount Morris, N. Y.

Senator and Mrs. Henry Wilder Keyes will return today from their home in North Haverhill, N. H.

Senator and Mrs. Atlee Pomeroy have returned to their apartment at the Highlands to remain for the winter season after spending two weeks at the Franch Lick Springs, Ind., and a week at their home in Ohio.

SENATOR FREELINGHUYSEN AT HOME IN RARITAN.

Senator Joseph S. Freelinghuyse has joined Mrs. Freelinghuyse at their home in Raritan, N. J. They will return to Washington about October 8.

Senator and Mrs. Joseph I. France will return from Baltimore some time this week.

Former Gov. and Mrs. William R. Merriam have reopened their home on N street after spending the summer on the North Shore and Nahant, Mass.

Mrs. J. H. Bankhead has returned to her apartment at 1568 Columbia road, after an absence of four months at her home in Alabama. She was accompanied to Washington by Mrs. J. H. Bankhead, jr., and her daughter, Miss Louise Bankhead, who will be with her for the winter. Miss Bankhead entering a young ladies' school.

Representative and Mrs. William B. Bankhead will return to Washington October 1, and will spend the winter with the former's mother, on Columbia road.

Mrs. George Barnett has accepted the chairmanship of the ball and pageant to be given by the Woman's National Foundation at the New Willard Hotel, November 16. Mrs. Barnett will announce the personnel of her committee in a few days.

MISS HELEN MILLER WEDS REV. H. K. KRAFT.

The marriage of Miss Helen Miller to the Rev. Henry C. Kraft took place Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Episcopal Memorial Lutheran Church. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, the Rev. S. T. Nicholas, assisted by the Rev. Edward Byers, of Baltimore, cousin of the bride. It was followed by a reception at the bride's residence.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Thurston E. Miller, wore a gown of white satin embroidered in pearls and trimmed with duchess lace, and a tulle veil.

## BAND CONCERTS

Concert by the United States Soldiers' Home Band at bandstand tonight at 5:30 o'clock. John A. M. Zimmermann, bandmaster.

March, "My Regiment".....Blankenberg  
Duet, "Banyan Leaf".....Elliott  
Pettie Suite, "A Forest Ranger's Courtship".....Ellenberg  
Song from "The Song of the Lark".....Ellenberg  
(3) "The Foresters' Serenade."  
(4) "The Wedding March."  
(5) "Dance Upon the Greenquand."  
Song from "The Song of the Lark".....Ellenberg

Final band concert tonight at 7:30 p. m. at the Washington Circle, Twenty-fourth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, by the United States Army Band. Cass. Benter, director.

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Overture, "Overture".....Von Weber  
March, "March".....Ellenberg  
Grand Scenes from the Opera, "Aida".....Ellenberg  
Suite in four parts, "Don Quixote".....Safranek  
Dance and Spanish Village.  
(a) "Dance."  
(b) "Sancho Panza."  
(c) "Dulcinea."  
(d) "Don Quixote."  
Popular Fox-trot:  
"Why Don't You?".....Tiersky  
"I Wonder If You Still Care for Me".....Tiersky

Gems from the Musical Comedy, "The Princess Patti".....Herbert  
Waltzes from "Mlle. Modiste".....Herbert  
Fox-trot, "Lullaby".....Herbert  
The Star Spangled Banner.

## Entertain at Castle Rock

Prof. and Mrs. Osborn Hosts to Party of Foreign Scientists.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—A number of foreign scientists, who are attending the second International Eugenics Congress, in session at the American Museum of Natural History, were guests today of Prof. and Mrs. Henry Fairfield Osborn at Castle Rock, their estate at Garrison, N. Y. Among those in the party are Maj. Leonard Darwin, and Dr. A. Barbara Dale, of England; Lucien Cuenot and George Veckler, of France; Dr. R. Ruggles Gates, of Venezuela, and Dr. A. Govaerts, of Belgium.

Dr. Santos Anibal Domínguez, Venezuelan Minister, arrived from Washington yesterday and is at the Hotel Astor for a few days.

Miss Ruth Lockwood Manierre, daughter of Mrs. Alfred Lee Manierre, of 330 West Seventy-sixth street, will be married to Lewis Livingston Delaford, jr., of this city, next Saturday afternoon, in St. Stephen's Church, Ridgefield, Conn. The wedding reception will be held at Overlook, the country place of Mrs. William Allen Jenner, in Ridgefield.

Lady Anne Carden, widow of Sir Lionel Edward Gresley Carden, has arrived from London, England, and is with her brother, Robert L. Carden, at the Vanderbilt. Later she will visit him at his country place in East Moriches, Long Island.

Mrs. Audrey Townsend Sherman, daughter of Arthur Outram Sherman, of 911 Park avenue, and Rye, N. Y., will be married to John Lawrence Bigelow, of this city, son of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Lawrence Bigelow, of Ann Arbor, Mich., next Saturday in Christ Church, Rye, N. Y.

## District Girl Wins Beauty Prize at Mount Rainier

MOUNT RAINIER, Md., Sept. 25.—The tenth annual Mount Rainier carnival closed last night with an attendance of several hundred persons. Part of the proceeds will be used for electric improvements and the purchase of fire equipment.

Miss Mae Curtin, of Washington, an employee of the United States Veterans' Bureau, was judged the prettiest girl attending the carnival and was presented with a five-dollar gold piece by the members of the Mount Rainier Fire Department.

Dancing will continue at Mount Rainier the rest of the week under the auspices of the Sokolov Orchestra, the original St. John's steamer orchestra.

## Wife of City Treasurer Of Clifton Forge Dies

CLIFTON FORGE, Va., Sept. 25.—Mrs. Mary Fontaine, wife of City Treasurer B. M. Fontaine, of Clifton Forge, died this afternoon in Roanoke where she had been under treatment several weeks for cancer.

The body will be brought here tomorrow and the funeral will be held Tuesday. Her husband and one daughter were with her at the time of her death. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, the Misses Virginia and Mary, and by two brothers, Mark Hankins, city engineer of Richmond, and Lewis Hankins, a Richmond contractor.

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## INTEREST GAINING IN COMING BALLOT ON MANAGER PLAN

Alexandria Expected to Adopt System on October 4.

THE HERALD BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, Va., Sept. 25.—As the time approaches for the October 4 election to determine whether the citizens of Alexandria want the council manager form of city government, interest becomes more pronounced.

Indications are that the new plan will carry. In the event it is adopted next June the citizens will elect a city council of five. This council will assume office in September, elect a mayor from its membership and also a city manager.

The present city council is composed of twenty-four, sixteen members of the common council and eight members of the board of aldermen. Practically all of the work is done through committees.

When city council meets Tuesday night a joint session will be held to elect school trustees and a fire chief. In addition a large volume of routine business that has accumulated since the summer recess will be up for consideration.

Former President Woodrow Wilson this afternoon motored through Alexandria, going as far as Woodlawn on the Camp Humphreys road. The former President during his administration took the same drive very frequently. Many citizens recognized him today.

A number of special witnesses have been summoned to testify before the grand jury which will assemble at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning in the Corporation Court, Judge Robinson Moncre presiding. The jury is to report on the fires of September 10, among other things.

Miss Mary T. Brill, 28 years old died early this morning at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Brill, 109 South Fairfax street. She was a daughter of the late Louis Brill, Bethesda, Md., who is survived by several sisters and a brother. The funeral will take place Wednesday morning from St. Mary's Catholic Church and burial will be in Bethel Cemetery.

Funeral services for Sgt. Maj. Earl L. Lyles, who was killed in action overseas in 1918, will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Wheatley's mortuary chapel. Burial will be with full military honors in Union Cemetery.

Mrs. T. E. Morton, a returned missionary from India who spent two years in that country, will speak Tuesday night at a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society in the Sunday School room of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

By a score of 4 to 3, the Dreadnaught Athletic Club this afternoon defeated the Church Hill team of Richmond, thereby winning the amateur championship of Virginia. The game was one of the best played in Alexandria this season. It is estimated that at least 3,500 fans attended.

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